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*Introducing Two More of Mr. Martin E. Randig's New Hybrids,  
Eldorada and Enchantment. See page 2.*

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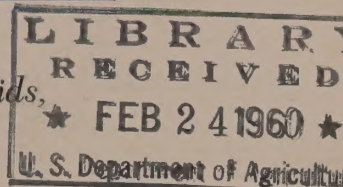
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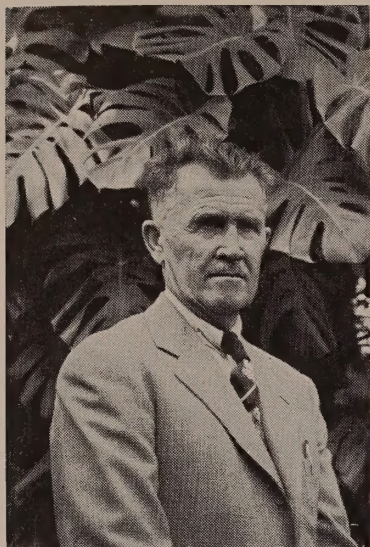
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## NEW INTRODUCTIONS

By MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG

We feel that we must tell you the wonderful response and praise Mr. Martin E. Randig's new lilies have brought. Eight of the thirteen new hybrids introduced by HORTICULTURE magazine in Feb. of 1958 have amazed both us and Mr. Randig. If you have hesitated before in paying \$5 for a glorious new lily worth fully twice as much, treat yourself this season to one or more of them and receive the thrill we have received from the initial acceptance.

Mr. Martin E. Randig is one of the world's leading developers and hybridizers of HARDY and TROPICAL WATER LILIES TODAY. His beautiful display gardens in San Bernardino, California, are full of his many new and exciting introductions. These new lilies are the result of 35 years of the most exacting and patient crossing by Mr. Randig.

We, of the VAN NESS WATER GARDENS, were thrilled at the beauty and splendor of these new introductions. Mr. Martin E. Randig honored our GARDENS by permitting us to present these magnificent new lilies to you, the public, for the first time. We had Mr. Randig select thirteen of his finest new lilies to release at this time. These thirteen lilies are outstanding in color of bloom, size and shape of bloom, and size and color of leaf. Six of these lilies were awarded the GOLD CERTIFICATE OF MERIT at the World's Fair on Treasure Island in San Francisco. We do not hesitate to recommend to our thousands of customers to order these new lilies and enjoy them as we do. Again we thank Mr. Martin E. Randig for his great contribution to the WATER LILY business.

### DAY BLOOMING TROPICALS

We are very happy to add these two new hybrids this year.

**ELDORADO (City of Gold) (L EB A)** Giant lemon yellow. Quite double large oval leaves heavily speckled. Excellent bloomer. Flowers open flat. Largest of all yellows. A very hardy tropical \$5.

**ENCHANTMENT (L EB A)** Deep salmon rose. Free flowering. Leaves oval, slightly speckled. Lovely color and wonderful bloomer. A very hardy tropical \$5.

### BLUES

**MARGARET RANDIG** 1939 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG (L EB A)

The very finest of all blues. A large dark rich blue, with broad petaled flowers, opening full. Deeper blue than the Whitaker. Large leaves are deep green with freckles. Plant is a very vigorous grower. MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG classifies it as his finest tropical water lily. Fragrant. \$5.

**LEOPARDESS** 1931 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG. (L EB A)

Flowers are a lovely dark cobalt blue of medium size. Plant is an excellent grower. The deep green leaves are heavily spotted and striped with chestnut. Fragrant. \$5.

**\*MRS. MARTIN E. RANDIG** 1931 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG (L EB A)

Flowers a beautiful dark cobalt blue. Buds are deep green. Sepals are a dark rose pink. Leaves green with bronzy red underside. Leaf propagator. Lily patented #294. Very fine and vigorous lily. Fragrant. \$5.

### YELLOWS

**\*YELLOW DAZZLER** 1938 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG (L EB A)

The best of the yellows. Large flowers are a deep rich chrome-yellow, opening full flat. A very good bloomer. Leaves are a deep green with lead blue undercoloring. Fragrant. \$5.

**\*TRAIL BLAZER** 1938 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG (L EB A)

A dark starry yellow. Prolific bloomer and vigorous grower. Deep green leaf with pink undertone. Fragrant. \$5.

**YELLOW MYSTERY** 1950 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG (L EB A)

Flowers are a dark clear yellow, with tips of petals light blue, changing to clear yellow on third or fourth day. Leaves are a deep green with underside a violet purple. Fragrant. \$5.

### ROSE

**\*EVELYN RANDIG** 1931 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG (L EB A)

Flowers are a beautiful deep magenta rose in color. Leaves are a deep green with heavy spotting and striping of chestnut. Leaves are as beautiful as the flowers. Fragrant. \$5.

### TALISMAN

**\*GENERAL MacARTHUR** 1938 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG (L EB A)

This gorgeous bloom runs from talisman to light orange shades in color. The beautiful leaves are deep green with heavy maroon striping and speckling. Fragrant. \$5.

**AFTERGLOW** 1946 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG (M EB B)

The flowers are a deep talisman running into orange in color. Leaves are a deep green with pink undertone. This beautiful lily will adapt itself readily to small pools as well as larger pools. Fragrant. \$5.

### PINKS

**\*LEADING LADY** 1938 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG (L EB A)

Huge multi-petaled peach pink, actual count in mid-summer of 44 petals. Flowers open full flat. The finest of the peach pinks. Flowers stay open late under artificial light. Leaves are huge oval shape, overlapping slightly and scalloped around edges, deep green with brown freckling. Very strong grower and very fragrant. \$5.

**POCAHANTAS** 1935 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG (L EB A)

Flowers are silver pink. Large and more colorful than Pink Pearl. Leaves are bronzy green. Fragrant. \$5.

### NEW NIGHT BLOOMER

**\*RED FLARE** 1938 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG (L EB A)

Flowers are a real vivid deep fire engine red. The darkest of the red night blooming tropicals. Leaves are a deep mahogany red. Beautiful. Excellent bloomer. Fragrant. \$5.

\*Lilies which won the GOLD CERTIFICATE OF MERIT ON TREASURE ISLAND at WORLD'S FAIR.

**IMPORTANT: ALL WHOLESALE ORDERS FOR TUBERS ARE TO BE SENT TO MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG,  
San Bernardino, California**



Dear Friends:

The VAN NESS WATER GARDENS have been in business since 1932 offering you the best service and merchandise we can possibly render. We strive continually to improve our methods of shipping, our products, and our services to you. We take pride in telling you that we have many customers who have become wonderful friends and order year after year our WATER LILIES. If you are new to us, let us prove to you that we serve you quickly and honestly with CHOICE water plants.

Since our last catalog we have added two new pools bringing our total to 70 beautifully terraced and landscaped concrete pools. Our plants are scientifically grown in Southern California sunshine.

We have added fifteen brand NEW FIRSTS in TROPICAL LILIES at great cost to insure you not only the finest lilies, but the most new hybrid beauties ever offered to the public at one time.

Sincerely,

Ted and Louella Uber

MARGARET RANDIG is now beginning to really bloom. LOVELY.

L. I. Nichols,  
Palo Alto, Calif.

Want to be sure and get AFTERGLOW. That lily was beyond description in its performance up until hard killing frosts in the latter part of November. We have never had anything like it.

Mrs. C. Link,  
Chase, Kansas

I must tell you again how very pleased I am with the quality of the several lilies I have received from you and how luxuriantly they are growing and blooming. MRS. MARTIN E. RANDIG is truly magnificent in flower and the foliage alone is a treat to the eye.

L. A. Sharpe,  
La Jolla, Calif.

Waterlilies are all growing well. They arrived as if they had been taken out of your lakes that morning, with not a leaf broken or wilted.

C. Pettersen,  
Guatemala

The plants were all just as fresh and moist as if I'd just dug them from my own back yard. Airmail shipping surely is the right thing for this distance.

L. Charlton,  
Lockport, Ill.

I'd like to thank you for my order I received a long time ago. All the lilies came out beautiful and all the right colors.

K. Escabar,  
Woodside, N. Y.

The Escarboucle you sent me last summer was very beautiful. The packing was the best I've ever seen and the plants must have arrived in as good shape as they were sent.

L. Plischke,  
Greensburg, Pa.

The water lilies looked as if they had been dug the day before. I have not lost a single plant received from your nursery. Thanks for the nice gifts you have always included. Just wanted you to know how I feel toward you for the wonderful way you have treated me in your dealings and I can not recommend you too highly to anyone that is in need of any plant that you may have for sale.

D. Steiner,  
Bothwell, Wash.

The lilies arrived in excellent condition as well as the gift and I am pleased with them.

Mrs. H. Spector,  
Honolulu, T. H.

Received your plants this morning. They were the nicest plants I have ever received, also the best service.

Mrs. R. L. Perkins,  
Syracuse, Kans.

Everything is growing beautifully. Thank you for sending such healthy-ready-to-bloom stock.

Mrs. G. A. Brown,  
Carmel, Calif.

The W. Lilies and other plants from you were all beautiful all summer long. Thanks to your fine plants our pool was the show place of the neighborhood this past summer.

G. Breitwieser,  
Park Forest, Ill.

We had such good luck with our Formosa— is still blooming even after our first frost.

Mrs. J. Magnuson,  
Irma, Wis.

Everything came through fine and all are doing exceptionally well.

R. Tunkel,  
Pamilton Palins, N. J.

We had very good luck with the lilies we ordered from you. I'd like more.

Mrs. G. G. Balderston,  
Montrose, Colo.

Last spring I ordered a collection of water lilies. All were received in excellent condition and I intend to place another order with you in the early spring next year.

J. Dye,  
Fort Lauderdale, Fla.

Thanks for everything. Hope our pool is as pretty this year as last. We had more fun going out there and feeding our fish your excellent fish food. The fish come and take crickets and grasshoppers out of our son's fingers. The SUNRISE and GONNERE were my favorites.

Mrs. R. Garwood,  
Jackson, Mich.

Thanks for the prompt delivery and extras. All plants are doing well—some in bloom.

C. E. Odum,  
Arlington, Va.

We were so satisfied with our plants from you three years ago, we want to add additional plants.

Mrs. L. J. Hore,  
Urbana, Ohio

My water lilies which you shipped arrived very fast and in good shape. All plants were very nice. Already the white has a bud ready to burst open. This, too, is unbelievable.

G. Zitterbart,  
Latrobe, Pa.

I received my water lily and snails in very good condition and thank you. The plants I received from you last year are all blooming wonderfully and are so pretty. Thank you for your kind and immediate service.

Mrs. F. Johnson,  
Kooskia, Idaho

The lilies, etc. that I have ordered from you in the past have truly been a source of joy to me as well as the neighborhood.

Mrs. W. E. Hoener,  
Joplin, Mo.

I love your lilies and love to unpack them. They come in such wonderful condition.

Mrs. C. Hoit,  
Albuquerque, N. M.

Let me state that it is a pleasure doing business with you because of your kind expressions and good plants.

T. Varela,  
Las Vegas, N. M.

The lilies I ordered arrived in excellent condition: the bud on the GENERAL MACARTHUR continued to develop and is now open.

J. Peter, Jr.,  
Mobile, Ala.

A couple of years ago I ordered a Formosa and it is just beautiful.

Mrs. B. Voss,  
Riggins, Idaho

We are building a new pool and would like to order all our water plants from you. Had such wonderful luck with what we got last year. Bloomed all summer.

Mrs. G. McGrath,  
Clinton, Iowa

Your plants of 2½ years ago made our little pool the "piece de resistance" of our Japanese garden.

Mrs. H. W. Jackson,  
Menlo Park, Calif.

Everything arrived in fine condition.

Mrs. W. E. Burge,  
Spencer, Ind.

My water lilies arrived and in fine condition. Dealing with you has been a pleasure—and whenever anything aquatic is needed I certainly will not have trouble deciding where to send.

Mrs. E. B. Stroup,  
Saginaw, Mo.

To say the water garden has been a source of great pleasure to us is putting it very mild! The lilies have been lovely. We have had from 1 to 2 doz. blooms every day all summer. Isn't the ESCARBOUCLE beautiful?

N. Merickle,  
Campo, Calif.

NOTE: We only publish a catalog every two years. Prices subject to change. This catalog cancels all prices in former catalogs.

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## COMPLETE POOL COLLECTIONS

### COMPLETE POOL COLLECTION — #32

33 Lovely Water Plants with CHOICE LILIES

Sufficient for a pool 8 x 10 or larger.

Makes a well-balanced pool.

5 CHOICE WATER LILIES—Comanche (sunset), Escarboucle (red), Formosa (pink), Sunrise (yellow), and Gonnere (white). 4 Tall Water Plants—Umbrella Palm, Double Arrowhead (white), Azure Pickerel (blue), Yellow Iris. 13 Shallow Water Plants—2 Water Poppy (yellow), 2 Water Snowflake (white), 2 Floating Heart (yellow), 5 Parrots Feather, 2 Primrose Creeper. 10 Oxygenating Plants. 5 Anacharis and 5 Myriophyllum. 1 Azure Hyacinth. 12 Water Snails. 2½ pounds Spec. Water Lily Fertilizer.  
Value, \$23.95—**for \$20.50**

### FINE COLLECTION FOR SMALL POOLS COLLECTION — #34

For pools around 4 x 8

3 Choice Hardy Water Lilies—Gloriosa (red), Sunrise (yellow), and Rose Arey (deep pink). 2 Tall Water Plants—Azure Pickerel (blue) and Yellow Iris. 3 Shallow Water Plants—2 Water Poppy (yellow) and 1 Azure Hyacinth (Azure Blue). 10 Oxygenating Grasses—5 Myriophyllum and 5 Anacharis.  
Value, \$12.25—**for \$10.25.**

## Something Really Different in a Pool

### AN ORIENTAL POOL FOR ONLY \$16.00—COLLECTION #21

Suitable for pool 5 x 7

Egyptian Lotus (sacred Lotus), Panama Pacific, Sultan (rare), Gloria du Temple sur, Japanese Arrowhead, Violet Stem Tafo, Japanese Iris, Egyptian Paper Plant (Papyrus).  
Value, \$19.00—**for \$16.00.**

### GROTTO COLLECTION #40

Pennsylvania — blue, Escarboucle — red, Amabilis — pink, Albatross — white, Rose Arey — rose.

Value, \$18.75—**for \$15.50.**

### WATER PLANT COLLECTION #26

Floating Heart, Water Poppy, Double Arrowhead, Azure Pickerel plant, Umbrella Palm, Water Canna, 3 varieties water grasses.

Value, \$3.68—**for \$3.00.**

## HARDY LILY COLLECTIONS

### SUPERB COLLECTION #9

Sunrise—yellow, Gonnere—white, Gloriosa—red.

Value, \$9.75—**for \$7.75.**

### BUDGET COLLECTION #10

Aurora—sunset, Chromatella—yellow, Hermine—white, Rose Arey—pink.

Value, \$10.25—**for \$9.00.**

### RAINBOW COLLECTION #11

Moorei—yellow, Escarboucle—red, Masaniello—pink, Comanche—sunset, M. Albida—white.

Value, \$16.25—**for \$14.75.**

### ATTRACTIVE DUET COLLECTION #19

Moorei—yellow, and Masaniello—pink.

Value, \$7.00—**for \$5.50.**

### BEAUTIFUL COLLECTION #30

Chromatella—yellow, Albida—white, Gloriosa—red.

Value, \$7.75—**for \$6.50.**

### 12 CHOICE HARDY LILIES — COLLECTION #12

Gonnere—white, Albida—white, Chromatella—yellow, Sunrise—yellow, Comanche—sunset, Paul Harriot—sunset, Rose Arey—pink, Masaniello—pink, Formosa—pink, Gloriosa—red, Escarboucle—red, Pink Glory—pink.

Value, \$38.00—**for \$35.00.**

### FRAGRANT COLLECTION #35

A trio of Hardy Lilies having a charming and beautiful odor. Each of these lilies has a different shade of pink with differently shaped blooms. Rose Arey, Pink Opal, and Venusta.

Value, \$8.50—**for \$7.00.**

### COLLECTION #48 LAKE LILIES

Fine natural lake and pond lilies.

Odorata Major	Conqueror
Odorata Minor	Albatross
M. Albida	Pink Glory
Masaniello	Leviathan
Picciola	Chromatella

Value, \$29.00—**for \$25.00**

### COLLECTION #49 LAKE LILIES

12 assorted unnamed lake lilies for \$15.00.

## EIGHT BOOKS YOU WILL CHERISH

1. **GOLDFISH VARIETIES and WATER GARDENS** by Wm. T. Innes. The most authentic book today on water gardening and goldfish. Full of pictures and illustrations. 381 pages. **\$5.50.**

2. **AMERICA'S GARDEN BOOK** by James and Lousie Bush-Brown. A favorite among gardeners for over 20 years. Has been completely revised and brought up to date. A modernized general garden book full of illustrations and diagrams. 769 double column pages. **\$7.95.**

3. **FLOWER SHOW RIBBON-WINNING ARRANGEMENTS** by Mrs. Raymond Russ Stoltz. 67 ribbon winning arrangements are included and all of them are explained in simple clear language. Graphically illustrated by wonderful black and white and color plates. **\$5.95.**

4. **ENJOY YOUR SMALLER PETS** by Putnam and Golpe. The care of goldfish, turtles, chameleons and salamanders. 8 pages of pictures. 40 pages. **50¢.**

5. **THE AQUARIUM** by Wm. T. Innes. **50¢.**

6. **TROPICAL FISH** by L. Q. Mann. Up to date practical advice for beginners. Fully illustrated. Four color pages. 136 pages. **\$1.75.**

7. **ENJOY YOUR GOLDFISH** by Douglas V. Putnam. Advice on bowls, food, ailments, etc. of goldfish. Also shows and describes easy, detailed methods for building outdoor goldfish pools. **50¢.**

8. **THE GOLDFISH** by Leonard C. Betts. A complete guide to the care and maintenance of goldfish. Includes chapters on raising fry, varieties, breeding, show tactics and breeding in ponds. **\$1.00.**

**LOVELY WATER LILY POSTCARDS. IN COLOR.** 2 kinds. One with Sunrise and Newton, other with beautiful Evelyn Randig. **5¢ each.**



# HARDY WATER LILIES

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Have you ever noticed that, no difference what the beauty of the garden may be, in harmony of planting, in beauty of landscaping, the visitor drifts to the Water Lily Pool and there finds a sanctuary, a place where one can forget the trials of everyday life and find the charm and solace that only exquisite beauty can bestow.

## SO EASY TO GROW

Hardy lilies will grow anywhere, if they have sun. They do well in areas where it is foggy, such as San Francisco, if the pool is in the full sun and no shade. We ship many hardy lilies to Alaska and both hardy and tropical lilies to Canada.

You may have a real beauty spot by making a Tub garden. See page 13.

## HARDY LILIES

### PERFECT SPECIMENS

The Hardy lilies are among the easiest grown of any flower. After planting they need no attention except to keep the water level right and break off dead leaves. They grow in a wonderful array of colors and shapes and are a constant joy to all who grow them.

California Water lilies have the advantage of our long warm summers and put on a marvelous growth during this period, assuring you of strong plants, which will burst into bloom soon after being planted in your pool. The many letters from our customers telling us of this fact make us very happy, and we assure you nothing goes out from our Nursery that we would not be happy to receive.

We have the choicest of the varieties which we are offering at very attractive prices.

We are sold 100% on Water Lilies. OUR FIRST concern is to supply you with such fine specimens you will not only be sold too, but will sell your friends also.

All Hardy lilies are large, mature plants.

## PINK VARIETIES

**Formosa (L EB A)** One of the best, blooming soon after planting and never without blossoms during the whole season. Blossoms are large and a clear, bright pink. A much admired lily. **\$3.00.**

**Wilfron Gonnere (M GB A)** Very double pink lily, resembling Gonnere in size and shape. **\$4.00.**

**Mme. Julien Chiffot (L EB A)** A mammoth star-shaped lily, with soft pink petals and yellow stamens. One of the most beautiful of the pink hardies. **\$4.50.**

**Rene Gerard (L EB A)** The flowers of this variety often reach the enormous size of 10 inches across and are a deep rose in color. The petals are very numerous and the flower is star shaped. **\$5.00.**

**Splendida (L EB A)** A rich, strawberry pink lily; blooming the entire season. Becomes darker towards fall, becoming almost a deep red. **\$3.50.**

**Sumptuosa (L EB A)** An excellent rose-pink hardy lily. Free bloomer. **\$3.50.**

**M. Rose (L EB A)** A large deep rose colored lily of an excellent variety. **\$2.50.**

**Lustrous (L EB A)** A new rose-pink with silvery sheen and yellow stamens for contrast. Fine bloomer. **\$3.50.**

**Leviathan (L EB A)** Odorata type lily. Very large shell pink with large leaves of green. **\$4.00.**

**M. Carnea (L EB A)** Opening early in the morning, this lily is of wonderful size, is a soft shell pink. Blooms over a long period, the flowers of good lasting quality, making them good for cut flowers. **\$2.50.**

**Masaniello (L EB A)** The flowers of this variety are very fragrant. The plant a free grower. The flowers are a rose pink and the sepals are white, making a wonderful contrast. **\$3.00.**

**Morning Glory (L EB A)** An exquisite soft shell-pink lily. Particularly beautiful as they first open in the morning, being so waxy in appearance. **\$3.00.**

**Esmeraldo (M GB B)** A French variety. The flowers are variegated, rose pink and white. The petals are star shaped, and the sepals are also variegated. **\$3.00.**

**Pink Glory (L EB A)** A beautiful, new pink lily. Very waxy in appearance and proclaimed the most beautiful of all the shell pink Hardy lilies. **\$5.00.**

**Mary Patricia (S EB B)** The daintiest deep peach blossom pink lily imaginable, one that is especially generous in bloom. Is especially good for Tub gardens. **\$3.00.**

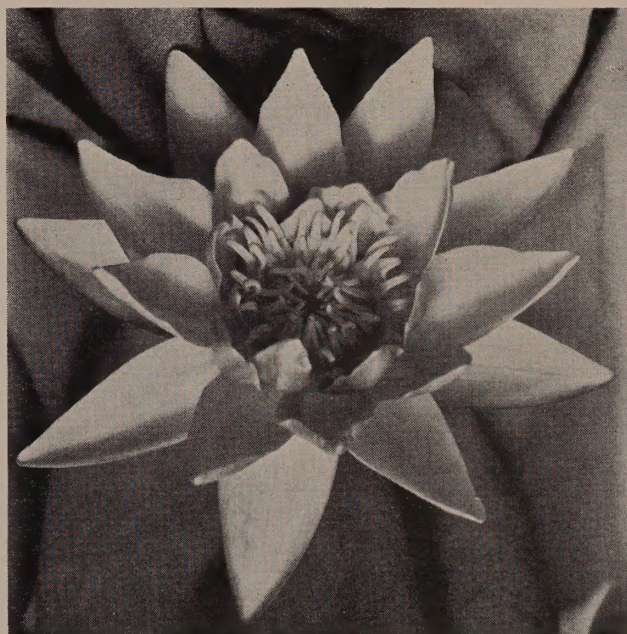
**Joanne Pring (S EB B)** An excellent pygmaea of rich deep pink. **\$3.50.**

**Rosy Morn (L EB A)** A beautiful rosette pink lily with a true Water lily fragrance. Very large blossoms with spreading petals. **\$4.50.**

**Mrs. Richmond (L EB A)** A rare variety of singular beauty. Very large flowers of deep rose with lilac tints; petals broad and full; stamens a delicate canary yellow. A rare variety. **\$6.00.**

**Neptune (L EB A)** The velvety blossoms are a shaded pink, the base of petals quite dark and the tips much lighter in shade. Garnet stamens make a striking contrast. **\$3.50.**

**Amabilis (L EB A T)** This lily is very similar to the Mme. Chiffot, being star-shaped, but is a larger lily. The bright pink blossoms are hard to describe for beauty. **\$4.00.**



*Amabilis*



## Hardy Water Lilies (continued)

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### PINK (Odorata—Very Fragrant)

**Rose Arey (M EB B)** The blossoms are a bright, cerise pink, having pointed petals with a noticeable curl, giving a pleasing shaded effect. A sweet scented lily; leaves have a reddish cast. **\$3.00.** A remarkable lily.

**Pink Opal (S GB B)** A deep, rich pink lily with buds that are almost round, and open into a flower that is cup shaped. **\$2.50.**

**Venusta (M EB B)** The flowers are of a good size with a charming cup shape, standing above the water. The most spicy fragrance of any of the odoratas. **\$3.00.**

**Eugenie de Land (M GB B)** A charming, sweet scented variety, with soft shell pink petals which are pointed. **\$3.00.**

**Gloire du Temple-Sur-Lot (M GB B)** Very double lily resembling an immense dahlia in form. Opens a soft shell pink. **\$5.00.**

**Odalisque (M GB B)** An intensely fragrant, deep cerise pink, which opens earlier than almost any other lily. **\$4.00.**

**Fire Crest (S GB B)** A flame colored Odorata lily, blooming very early in the Spring. **\$4.00.**

### SUNSET VARIETIES

**Comanche (L EB A)** An old favorite. Brilliant orange-red, the color deepens with age; becoming a warm red. A sturdy growing variety but will adapt itself to a small space. Has bloomed steadily for 10 months in our gardens. **\$3.50.**

**Paul Hariot (M EB B)** This lily is most pleasing, as the first day of opening the petals are a soft, yellowish pink, becoming darker each day to almost a deep red. **\$2.50.**

**Indiana (S GB C)** A free growing variety, bearing beautiful copper-yellow flowers tinged with pink. **\$2.50.**

**Chrysantha (S GB C)** A fine variety for the Tub garden as the leaf spread is small. The flowers open a soft yellow which deepens with age to almost vermillion. **\$2.50.**

**Aurora (S GB C)** A very changeable colored lily. Does not grow large, so is suitable for small pools. **\$2.00.**

**Solfaterre (M EB B)** Opens the first day an orange-yellow. During third and fourth days the blossoms become reddish-copper. **\$3.00.**

**Seignoureti (L EB A)** A gorgeous colored lily, but propagates so slowly it will not become common. One of the finest, freest blooming lilies grown, with bright orange-yellow flowers. **\$7.50.**

**Robinsoni (L EB A)** This is an old favorite with water gardeners. Flowers are a bright coppery-red with orange stamens. It is a constant bloomer with beautiful variegated foliage. **\$3.25.**

**Sioux (M EB B)** Rich chrome-yellow upon opening, inner petals tinged with bronze. Changes to deep orange tinged with copper-red. Unique colored lily. **\$5.00.**

### WHITE

**Gonnere (M FB B)** The showiest of all white lilies. An enormous globe of snowy whiteness, nestling among green pads. A free blooming variety with small leaf spread. **\$3.00.**

**Albatross (L EB A)** A snow-white lily with many petals. Very large and very beautiful. **\$4.50.**

**Richardsoni (L EB A)** A large snow-white blossom with golden yellow stamens. Excellent for large pools or lakes. **\$4.00.**



*Gonnere*

**M Albida (L EB A)** Large dazzling white blossoms, with yellow stamens. The sepals are pink. **\$2.00.**

**Gladstone (L EB A)** A fine lily of robust growth. The flowers are of purest white, cup shaped and very large. **\$2.75.**

**Hermine (S EB B)** A dainty little white lily. The blossoms snug-gle among the pads and are star-shaped. **\$2.00.**

**White Laydeker (S EB C)** A very pretty dwarf lily. Snow white with yellow center. Has a strong tea fragrance. **\$3.00.**

**Virginalis (L EB A)** The purest white and finest of all water lilies. A splendid bloomer over a long season, 2 months longer than any other lily. Will never be common as it multiplies very slowly. One of the best. **\$6.00.**

**Odorata Major (L EB A)** Natural lake lily. A strong white lily. Excellent for lakes and ponds. **\$1.50. \$15.00 a dozen.**

**Odorata Minor (L EB A)** An excellent large white lily for lakes and ponds. **\$1.50. \$15.00 a dozen.**



# Hardy Water Lilies (continued)

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## YELLOW

**Chromatella (M EB A)** (M yellow.) Bright yellow blossoms with broad curving petals. A good bloomer. The leaves are handsomely blotched and the plant a vigorous grower. **\$2.50.**

**Moorei (M EB A)** A new lily from Australia, deeper in color than Chromatella. A choice plant with large blossoms and showy leaves. **\$4.00.**

**Pygmaea Helvola (S EB C)** This lily has small yellow flowers that float on the surface of the water, are about 2 inches in diameter. Leaves beautifully mottled. A free bloomer and well adapted to Tub garden culture. **\$1.50.**

**Mexicana (S FB C)** A little beauty from Mexico. **\$2.00.**

**Sunrise (L EB A)** This magnificent lily with its canary yellow blossoms stands well above the water on graceful stems; the petals are crinkled like a chrysanthemum. **\$3.50.**



*Sunrise*

## RED

**Escarboucle (L EB A)** One of the most brilliant red lilies. Bright intense red, deepening into crimson. One of the best. **\$3.75.**

**Gloriosa (M EB B)** All that its name implies. The flowers are above the average size. One of the earliest to bloom and continues all summer. One of the choicest of them all. **\$3.25.**

**M Red (M EB B)** Flowers of a deep carmine red, with cardinal stamens. The leaves are a rich bronze, changing to dark green with age. **\$3.50.**

**James Bryden (M GB B)** The color is a rich rosy crimson, while the reverse of the petals has a silvery sheen. This variety will adapt itself to any sized pool. **\$3.25.**

**Attraction (L EB A)** This lily is truly an attraction to any pool. The petals are a garnet red, the sepals white and the stamens a rich mahogany. Cannot be fully described. **\$3.25.**

**Newton (L EB A)** Very large, star-shaped flowers, almost vermillion. Different from most of the red lilies. **\$5.00.**

**William Falconer (M GB A T)** The darkest red of all water lilies, being a velvety black-red. Leaves green, maroon spotted. Not satisfactory in hot climate. **\$4.00.**

**Sirius (L EB A T)** The leaves of this variety are red, spotted with reddish brown. The flowers are huge and dark red. **\$5.00.**

**Vesuve (M GB B)** A dark red lily blooming very profusely. The blossoms are a good size and very double. **\$4.00.**

**Picciola (L EB A T)** A dark crimson variety, standing above the water and in several ways distinctly different from other red lilies. The leaves are spotted with red. **\$3.00.**

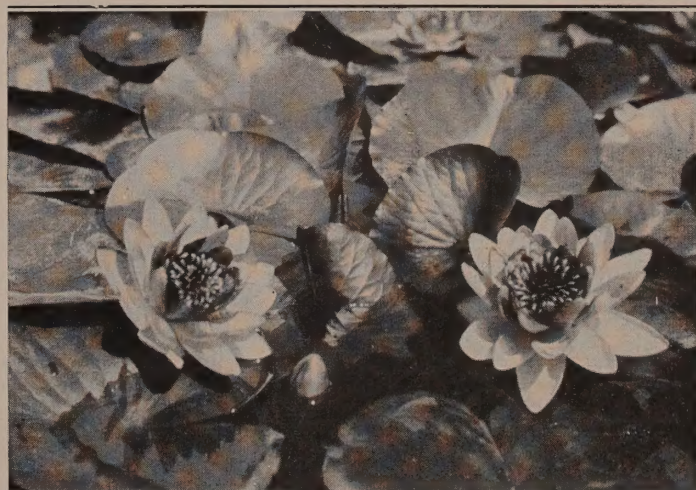
**Conqueror (L GB A T)** One of the most beautiful lilies. The immense flowers are a deep crimson, shaded toward the ends of petals to a deep pink. Stamens are long and bright yellow, making a striking contrast. **\$3.00.**

**James Hudson (L EB A)** An exceptionally good, new variety. The tulip shaped blooms have sharp petals of rich red with mauve reflections. A rare European variety. **\$5.00.**

**Sultan (L EB A)** A large cherry-red lily; the outer petals being a light rose. One of the best blooming lilies and one of the most admired. **\$4.50.**

**Arethusia (M GB A T)** Deep, dark red blossoms; almost as dark as the William Falconer. **\$4.00.**

**Lucida (L EB A)** A good rosy red lily with beautiful blotched leaves. Prolific bloomer. **\$4.00.**



*The Immense Escarboucle Hardy Lily*



# TROPICAL LILIES

(EXQUISITE FRAGRANCE)

(Check page 17 for planting code to help you select your Lilies)



**General Pershing**—Finest of orchid pink tropicals. Its large double flowers are very fragrant.

We have so many letters concerning tropicals and their habits that we have entered this note to help you rather than to try to sell you plants. It is our honest belief that any tropical will reward its owner far beyond its purchase price. The word tropical is hardly a fitting word when speaking of water lilies with this one exception. New young tropicals should not be set out until around June 1st. A bad chill may set them dormant. First, if your winter weather does not normally fall below 30° F., you will seldom lose a tropical lily. They will go dormant. We have several of the finer varieties which very seldom go any more dormant than a Hardy lily. The wonderful thing about tropicals is the fact that all of them bloom at least two (2) months after hardy lilies go dormant. The tropicals which do go dormant (back to a black bulb) will sprout again when the water warms up in May. They are later blooming the second year (around July 4th). That is why we like our customers to have hardy lilies for early blooms and tropicals for late blooms. Northern United States:—if you replace your lilies each year, tropicals will double or triple your blooms because they are blooming plants when you get them. Next, you should check all dormant tropical bulbs (page 9—our catalog) to see that they are setting properly so they will root correctly. You should also know that night blooming tropicals do wonderful the first season but seldom live over. It's interesting to know that night blooming tropicals live continually year after year and bloom forever in Hawaii.

If you are a real Water Garden enthusiast you will surely want some of these marvelous plants. Flowers the size of dinner plates, with a perfume so fragrant as to permeate the whole garden. Only in the Tropicals can you obtain the exquisite blue and purple shades; and with the wonderful varieties offered, one can find just the lily to fit his needs. Many of the varieties will adapt themselves either to large or small pools.

Tropicals bloom until frost comes. In mild climates like ours they bloom through November and some in December and January. Last December we had the Panama Pacific, Penna., August Koch, Gen. Pershing, Mrs. Whitaker, Whitaker Gigantea, Mrs. Pring and the Star Lilies all blooming.

**We do not ship Tropicals until the weather has become permanently warm**, as early shipments are almost sure to go dormant. A safe date is after June first, except in the Southern states, where they may be shipped at an earlier date, May 15th. Should we be instructed to ship at an earlier date, we do so at customer's risk.

## PURPLE

**Panama Pacific (L EB B)** These are of the viviparous variety, growing young plants at the base of the leaf. They are somewhat hardier than other Tropicals. Flowers a rich purple, the yellow stamens making a striking contrast. Best purple. **\$3.00.**

**Director Moore (L EB A)** Deepest of the purples. Almost a navy blue. An excellent bloomer. Very fine lily. **\$3.50.**

**Independence (M EB B)** Very large rose-purple flowers. Plant begins to bloom when very small, and blooms continuously until frost comes. Will do well in tubs or large pools. **\$3.50.**

**Zanzabar Blue (M EB B)** A splendid day blooming tropic. Rich blue-purple flowers. Stamens very numerous, dark crimson. Very fragrant. **\$3.50.**

**Royale Purple (S EB B)** This handsome lily is identical in growth and habit to that excellent variety, Panama Pacific, except that the color is a glowing royal purple. This viviparous novelty will add a note of regal splendor to your pool. Good Tub variety. **\$3.50.**

**Francis B. Griffith (M EB B)** The darkest purple of all water lilies; is a leaf propagator. Good for Tub gardens. **\$3.50.**

## PINK

**General Pershing (L EB B)** This lily is undoubtedly the finest of the orchid-pink day-blooming Tropics. The flowers are 8 inches across and are very double. They open very early in the morning and stay open until late in the evening. Very fragrant. **\$3.00.**

**Chicago (M EB B)** A clear pink lily, with quantities of large blossoms; having as many as 8 blossoms at one time. The leaves are profusely spotted with mahogany, making a very attractive plant. **\$3.50.**

**Golden West (M EB B)** The beautiful peach-like flowers change in color to a lovely light apricot as the flowers mature. The green leaves are heavily speckled with maroon. Fragrant. **\$3.00.**

**Pink Pearl (M EB B)** Exceptionally large, silvery blossoms, pink with pure white throat. Very attractive. Fragrant. **\$4.00.**

## RED

**American Beauty (L EB B)** A very choice red water lily. It possesses the same attractive combination of colors as the American Beauty rose. The flowers are 8 inches across, carried high above the water. **\$4.00.**



# Tropical Lilies (continued)

(Check page 17 for planting code)

## WHITE

**Mrs. Geo. Pring (L EB B)** Immense white flowers, opening early and staying open until late in the afternoon. Bloom until frost comes. When given room, makes a wonderful growth, but adapts itself to a small space and blooms continuously. **\$3.00.**

## YELLOW

**St. Louis (L EB B)** A yellow hybrid producing flowers from 10 to 12 inches across. A famous Pring hybrid. **\$3.50.**

**Sunbeam (M EB B)** Viviparous tropical water lily. One of the deepest yellow tropical water lilies; very free flowering. **\$5.00.**

## BLUE

**Pennsylvania (L EB B)** (Blue Beauty.) A magnificent variety with rich blue flowers that are often 10 and 12 inches across. The buds are speckled with maroon, the stamens are tipped with blue. The flowers have a spicy perfume such as no other tropical has. The plant is a free and vigorous bloomer. **\$3.50.**

**Blue Triumph (L EB B)** This is indeed a triumph as the name implies. Medium blue flowers of immense size blooming until frost comes. **\$3.50.**

**August Koch (L EB B)** The fragrant blossoms are of good size and deep in color, the sepals a rich, deep orchid-blue shade. An outstanding lily. **\$3.00.**

**Col. Lindbergh (L EB A)** This is enormous with wide petals of deep blue. As the name implies, the flowers tower in the air, high above the water. The leaves are large and oval, marked with brown. **\$3.00.**

**Wm. Stone (L EB B)** This is a particularly attractive violet-blue lily. Blossoms star-shaped, yellow stamens tipped with blue. **\$3.25.**

**Sacred Blue Lotus of the Nile (S EB B)** This is the true blue Lotus of the Nile. Very hardy. Fine bloomer. **\$3.50.**

**Blue Pymaea or Colorata (S EB B)** Of the Tropical variety. Just right for Tub, or small pool. Deep blue and very fragrant. **\$3.00.**

**Mrs. Edwards Whitaker (L EB B)** This lily is the largest in the day blooming class, having been known to measure 14 inches across. The flowers are a lavender-blue. This lily stays open almost all day. **\$3.00.**

**Whitaker Gigantea (L EB B)** The largest of all tropic lilies. A very delicate shade of blue; stays open almost all day. **\$3.50.**

## STAR AND TROPICAL LILY PLANTING INSTRUCTIONS

Plant your own Star Lily tuber or Tropical tuber. Make sure the crown (sprout) is upright and just even with the soil level. Plant in 6 to 8 inches of water.

Shipped with your hardy lilies and planted at same time. Will grow when water gets warm. Plant crown up, even with soil level as shown in diagram.



## SPECIAL

### 4 STAR TUBERS

### NOT PLANTS — BULBS ONLY

Red — Pink — Blue — White. All for \$5.00.

## STAR LILIES



Star Lilies

These lilies are of the Tropical lily family, but are hardier. Splendid bloomers, often bearing over 100 blooms in a season. They are splendid for cut flowers, lasting for several days and filling the room with their delightful fragrance. The Star Lilies listed below are shipped as blooming plants. They have no setback as do hardy lilies and soon become mature plants blooming continuously and long after Hardy Lilies go dormant. In Southern areas they bloom until Christmas or until a frost. Three to five Star Lilies in a large tub or box will be the pride of any Water Lily enthusiast.

### BLOOMING PLANTS NOT TUBERS

## TWO FULL MONTHS AHEAD OF TUBERS

**Blue Star (L EB B)** A clear blue, with blossoms standing high above the water. Rich green leaves. **\$2.50.**

**Pink Star (L EB B)** (Stella Gurney.) A soft pink blossom. Splendid bloomer. **\$2.50.**

**Rose Star (L EB B)** A deep shade of rose purple and a good bloomer. **\$2.50.**

**Red Star (L EB B)** (Mrs. Ward.) The deepest red of the Tropical Varieties. **\$3.00.**

**White Star (L EB B)** (Mrs. Pring) Produces numbers of large fragrant white flowers with pointed petals. Petals broader at the base and more pointed at the tip. **\$3.00.**

All 5 Varieties for \$12.00 — Collection #17

BLUE, PINK AND RED COLLECTION #14, \$6.75

**True Red Star (not Mrs. Ward)** A PERFECT red star. Blooms always perfect. A deeper-colored purple-red lily than the Mrs. Ward Red Star. Not in collection. **\$3.50.**

**Orchid Star (L EB A)** A beautiful orchid star. No doubt the largest, finest, and most beautiful of all the stars. **\$3.50.**

**Purple Star (L EB B)** A beautiful violet blue star lily with yellow stamens tipped with blue. One of the best. Fragrant. **\$3.25.**



# THE CULTURE OF WATER LILIES

## Please Read Carefully

We are always happy to give any advice possible regarding the culture of Water lilies and should any problem arise which is not dealt with on this page we hope you will feel free to consult us; however, before writing please read this carefully, as we have tried to cover all of the problems involved in Water lily culture as we know them.

Our ideal location helps us to answer many questions. We are 2100 ft. high. It frosts here. We have ice on our pools many mornings each winter. For this reason our lilies are conditioned for winter weather also. In the summer we have hot weather and can see how the lilies act in very hot climates. We leave our Tropical Lilies in our pools over the winter. They are bigger and better the second year.

The following are the questions we are called upon to answer very often.

### SHOULD LILIES BE PLANTED IN SOIL?

Most emphatically yes. Water lilies have to have soil and it must be rich. You may use one-fourth well rotted dairy fertilizer and three-fourths good loam. For best results use our VAN NESS WATER LILY FERTILIZER. Steer causes Algae.

### HOW MUCH SOIL SHOULD EACH LILY HAVE?

At least one bushel of soil for each lily of medium size. Dwarf lilies will do with less.

### HOW DEEP SHOULD THE WATER BE?

The ideal depth of water over the crown of the plant is from 8 to 10 inches, although they will give fairly good results in water from 6 to 15 inches in depth.

### SHOULD LILIES BE PLANTED IN BOXES?

They may be planted either in boxes or on bottom of pool, but pool is easier kept clean if boxes are used. Place fertilizer in lower half of soil, fill box with garden soil and cover with 1 inch of coarse sand. If pool is deep the boxes should be raised to within 8 or 10 inches of the surface. Boxes should be 2x2 ft. square and 1 ft. deep for best results. Line boxes with newspapers to keep the dirt from sifting out. DO NOT USE RED-WOOD. It discolors water.

### DO LILIES LIKE SHADE?

They do not. They will not bloom unless they have full sun for at least half the day, preferably morning sun. Such lilies as Comanche, Gloriosa, and Chromatella do fairly well in partial shade. Water Lettuce, Hyacinth, Water Hawthorne and the Taros are satisfactory in shady pools, but to try anything else is money wasted.

### WHEN SHOULD POOLS BE CLEANED?

Early in the spring, before the lilies begin to grow, all debris should be cleaned out of the pool. It is not necessary to drain the pool and remove the soil oftener than once in two years. All cleaning and replanting should be done in the spring or fish spawn will be lost. In mild climate clean pool every 1 to 3 years.

### CAN WATER LILIES BE GROWN IN RUNNING STREAMS AND LAKES?

Yes, water lilies do very well in most lakes and streams. In fact, the mother plants of present day lilies all came from lakes and streams. We have seen water lilies bloom out of ten (10) feet of water at an altitude of 10,000 ft. If you wish to really add beauty to a stream or lake near your home, plant a lily every five or six feet and start them at a depth of 1 or 2 feet. They will travel from over there. You never need to worry about them becoming uncontrollable. Any ODORATA type is ideal for this purpose, but others listed in coll. #48 on pg. 4 do very well.

### HOW DO YOU KEEP MOSQUITOS FROM BREEDING IN POOL?

If you have half a dozen fish for each 6 ft. of pool they will very effectively keep out mosquito larvae. Do not have mosquito fish—have pretty fish.

### CAN WATER LILIES BE GROWN IN TUBS?

Yes, the small and medium sized lilies do well in tubs, but the larger varieties will do better in a concrete pool.

### WHAT PESTS ATTACK WATER PLANTS?

Aphis is the only pest to contend with. This may be controlled by spraying with the hose, early in the morning, then the fish will eat them. Begin with the first signs of Aphis. VOLCK OIL SPRAY is the best than can be used after you have Aphis. It is safe—will not harm plants or fish.

### HOW SHOULD POOL BE TREATED TO KEEP WATER CLEAR?

If you observe these few rules you will not have any trouble. You must have a well balanced pool with plenty of plant life and scavengers.

Sample—6' x 8' Pool Suggestions:

1. Only a drip of water, new water causes algae. Water will always be fresh and pure, never stagnant if you follow all of the hints listed here.
2. Snails—24 of any kind.
3. Fish—12 of any kind. Goldfish are very pretty and just as effective as mosquito fish. Mosquito fish eat the eggs of the goldfish.
4. Oxygenating Grasses—2 to 5 bunches.
5. Lilies—At least one hardy or tropical to each 8 square feet. The lily pads cut off much of the direct sun and do MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE to eliminate algae and discoloration. 5 lilies for this sample pool.
6. Fertilizer—Steer fertilizer is good, but causes algae. Our special fertilizer is excellent.
7. Boxes—Any wood but redwood. Tubs are fine, especially for Lotus.

### HELP FOR LEAKS AND CRACKS

For cracks in pool, dry pool thoroughly and patch with one-fourth inch of Asbestos roof cement over a crack. For a pool that just leaks generally all over, make a mixture of pure plastic cement and water to the consistency of paint. Paint pool with this mixture or paint with our water-proof paint listed on page 18.



## The Culture of Water Lilies (continued)

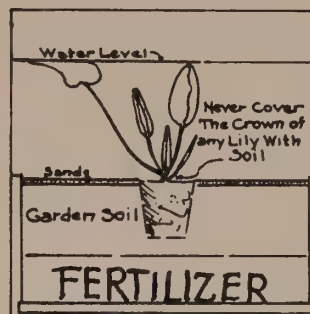
### WHEN SHOULD WATER LILIES BE PLANTED?

**Hardy Lilies**—In generally frost-free areas plant February through October. In climates subject to freezing weather about April 1 is a safe date; they may be planted up until August with good results.

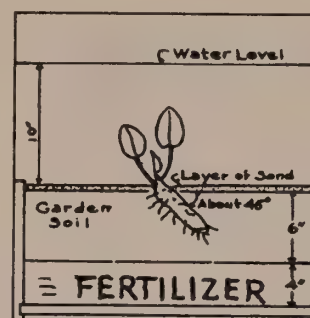
**Tropical Lilies**—Set out only after nights get warm and stay warm. Earlier planting leads only to disappointment.

### HOW SHOULD WATER LILIES BE PLANTED?

Hardy lilies should be planted horizontally, with the crown well out of the soil. Tropical lilies should be planted upright. Don't worry if stems or leaves don't reach the surface when first planted. In a day or two they will be there. Many water lilies will grow out of 10 ft. of water. They just love water! They will bloom best at a depth of 8" to 12". When receiving water plants do not allow them to become dry before planting; place them in tub of water or cover with a wet sack.



*Tropical Lily Planting*



*Hardy Lily Planting*

### HOW AND WHEN SHOULD LOTUS BE PLANTED?

These plants are hardy and may be grown anywhere in the U.S., blooming better the second year than the first. The bulbs look like a peeled banana, the crown is at the long end of the bulb. The crown should be placed up, with the bulb placed horizontally. **Great care should be taken not to break the crown off**, as that renders the bulb worthless. Cover with 2 inches of soil, leaving growing tip just out of the soil. Cover with 6 inches of water until growth begins. While Lotus is hardy it should not be planted too early as growth should begin at once after planting or bulb is apt to decay. Shipped May 1st to June 15th only.

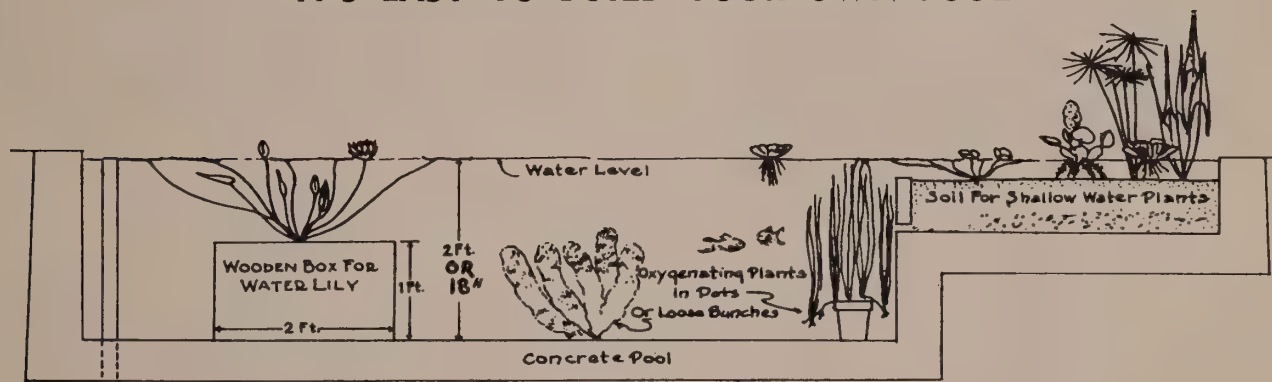
### HOW SHOULD WATER LILIES BE WINTERED OVER?

Hardy lilies may safely be wintered over in the pool if the roots do not freeze. In extremely cold climates cover with boards and give an extra covering of straw. Should it be advisable to lift the lilies before cold weather arrives they may be stored in a cool cellar. Be careful that they do not dry out or dry rot will attack them and they will be lost.

### HOW DO YOU WINTER TROPICALS OR STAR LILIES?

In mild climates they may be left in the pool all winter. We do not guarantee them to live over, but almost without exception they do in Southern California and mild areas. In May get in and see that the bulb is one-half inch under the soil and crown (rough) side up. The bulb may be deep in the box. In cold climates take the bulb out after the lily has gone dormant. Store in a can of moist sand in FROST FREE cellar or garage until May. Plant. Tropicals have so many blooms and are so beautiful they are worth this little extra work. Night bloomers will not live over anywhere. They must be harvested and stored.

## IT'S EASY TO BUILD YOUR OWN POOL



**LOCATION.** The pool should be exposed to full sun. Lilies cannot be expected to bloom unless the sun shines into the heart of them at least part of the day.

We suggest that you make your pool as large as your space will permit, as there are so many water plants you will want. Ideal depth 16" to 24".

An informal pool is much easier and less expensive to build than a formal one, as it can be built without forms. For an informal pool, after deciding on size and shape, dig out soil to depth of 2 feet and level off. Shave side walls as near perpendicular as possible, as walls which slope are that much wasted space in your pool, and gather Algae making pool unsightly. Tamp walls and floor and reinforce with heavy stucco wire, covering walls and floor.

There are three (3) steps in building an informal pool which are the same as stuccoing a house.

1. First coat of cement—1" to 1½"—troweled on. Pull wire thru and leave very rough.

2. Second coat 1" to 1½" over the first and smooth with

trowel and old paint brush (wonderful tool). Wire is now in center of concrete.

3. Seal with pure plastic cement and water (consistency of thin paint) or paint with our AMPRUF POOL PAINT (page 18).

In building a formal pool dig the exact size and shape desired. Allow about 6 inches space for wall and build inside form. The walls should be reinforced, and after it is poured, allow it to harden until the next day. Remove forms and pour bottom of the pool. Finish as directed below.

Plastic Cement. The proper mixture of water-proof plastic cement is one shovel of cement to five of sand. In cold climates, the concrete should be 6 inches thick; in mild climates 3 inches is ample.

Fill pool and let stand for three days. Add 1 quart of strong vinegar to each 100 gallons of water to neutralize the alkaline so pool will be safe for fish. Drain. Refill. Pool is now ready to plant.

No drain is needed.



## Tropical Lilies (continued)

(Check page 17 for planting code to help you select your Lilies)

### NIGHT BLOOMING TROPICALS

The Aristocrats of the Water Garden. Like many young maids, these flowers sleep during the day to bloom gayly at night, and during the early morning hours are the most beautiful flowers in the garden, often staying open until noon. The blossom begins to unfold as the sun goes down and is especially satisfactory for the working man or woman, who would not see the open blossom of a day blooming lily. Shipping time is the same as for Day-bloomers.

Once you have had a beautiful night-blooming tropical from the VAN NESS GARDENS you will never be without one.

All night blooming tropicals are mature plants fully three months old with enormous leaf and root structures. These plants are propagated in our greenhouse pools under the most exacting and ideal conditions possible. We guarantee these plants to be the finest you have ever seen. They set their flowers high above the water; have such beautiful scalloped leaves and are so different from other Water Lilies you will be thrilled with their exotic beauty.



*Missouri*

### WHITE

**Missouri (L EB B)** The finest white night blooming variety. The earliest to bloom and very dependable. A Supreme beauty. **\$3.00. Choice variety.**

**Juno (L EB B)** Immense, pure white blossoms, opening very wide. Central disc solid mass of yellow stamens. A free bloomer with glossy, green leaves, finely toothed at edges. **\$3.00.**

### RED

**H. C. Haarstick (L EB B)** A very choice variety. Well shaped blossoms, vivid red, shading to rose-pink. The stamens are rose color and the leaves rich, bronzy red. **\$3.00. Choice variety.**

**George Huster (L EB B)** A brilliant variety with large blossoms. The leaves are bronze-red, crimped at the edges. **\$3.00.**

**Pride of California (L EB B)** Vermillion red with dark red leaves. **Choice. \$4.00.**

**Red Flare**—Deepest of the Reds—see Page 2.



*Hitchcock*

### ROSE

**Mrs. Geo. Hitchcock (L EB B)** This large, rose-pink flower is such a wonderful bloomer and so easy to grow it cannot help giving satisfaction. A very **choice** variety. **\$3.00.**

**Frank Trelease (L EB B)** A deep rose colored, narrow petaled variety. **\$3.00.**

### PINK

**Mrs. Emily Hutchings (L EB B)** Beautiful pink blossoms with curving petals. Bronze leaves so different as to be quite noticeable. **\$3.00. Choice variety.**

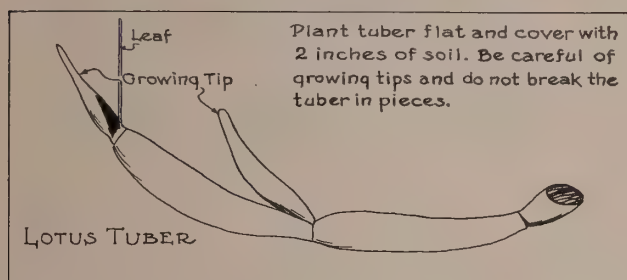
**O'Marana (L EB B)** Rosy-pink flowers of large size. Each petal having a white stripe; the effect being intensified by orange-red stamens. **\$3.00.**



## LOTUS



*Sacred Lotus*



In Hawaii they make candy from Lotus roots. In many parts of the world it is an important vegetable.

Growing tip (shown above) **MUST BE OUT OF SOIL**, with 1" to 2" of soil over remainder of tuber. Water level 6" to 8" over growing tip.

### LOTUS

The exotic and beautiful lotus leaves and flowers add the charm of the Orient to a water lily pool. They grow quite tall (3 ft.) and more and more people are building a separate lotus pool behind their lily pool to make an unbelievably striking setting. In the fall you should cut the dry seed pods and leaves for dried flower arrangements.

Lotus are extremely hardy and since they bury their roots deep in the soil they are harder than hardy water lilies. Be very careful in the first planting of the TUBER. If these steps are taken, they will grow and multiply beyond belief.

1. Lotus need a round tub or pool. (Roots grow in circles. Will die when they hit a corner of a box).
2. Put 2" rotted steer manure in bottom of tub or pool.
3. Fill remainder of tub with rich soil.
4. Dig trench 1" to 2" deep and lay lotus tuber in it horizontally.
5. Cover tuber but (THIS IS THE SECRET OF SUCCESS), the growing tip or tips **MUST ABSOLUTELY** stick out of soil.
6. By nature Lotus tubers must bury themselves or they will die. It's amazing how this tip pointing out of the soil will turn and go back into the soil, but it will.
7. Watch tuber that it doesn't float. Sand over soil will do the trick.
8. Have 6" of water over the tip.
9. Be sure and follow directions on cut.

#### Planting time May 1st to June 15th ONLY

**Red Lotus.** (*Roseum Plenum*.) Mammoth double blossoms of an American beauty shade; not a deep red. Blossoms often a foot across and very double. A choice variety. **\$4.00.**

**Nelumbium Speciosum** (pink). Egyptian sacred Lotus. An excellent variety. Very hardy and free growing. Possesses a strange, haunting fragrance. **\$3.50.**

**Nelumbium Flavens** (yellow). A splendid variety that has cream colored flowers. A good bloomer. **\$3.50.**

#### LOTUS TRIO COLLECTION #66

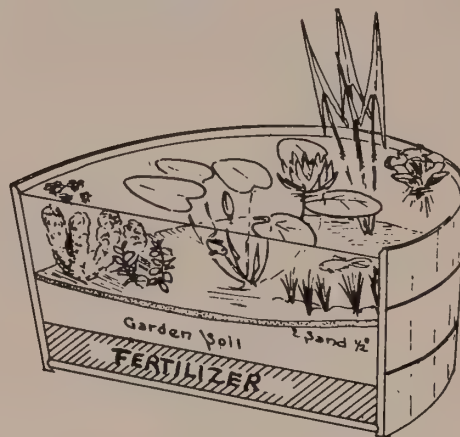
Red — Pink — Yellow. Value, \$11.00—**for \$10.00.**

## TUB GARDEN

Tub Garden collections are one of our best sellers because they appeal to such a wide variety of people and conditions, such as space and location. It is amazing to us the number of customers who start out with one tub garden and become so fascinated they add up to five tubs in a series while others construct large pools and go into water gardening with unlimited possibilities and pleasures. Wood tubs, ordinary galvanized tubs, old washing machines, and old bath tubs are but a few of the possibilities for making a lovely tub garden. Tubs may be sunk in the ground or placed above the ground as desired.

There are so many water plants that do well in a small space that there is no end to the possibilities of this type of Water Garden.

Lilies will grow with 4 inches of water over crown, but will do better with at least 8 inches.



TUB GARDEN

### THE FOLLOWING LILIES MAY BE USED IN A TUB GARDEN OR SMALL POOL

#### HARDY LILIES

Gloriosa, red  
Pygmae Helvola, yellow  
White Laydeker, white  
Hermine, white  
Mary Patricia, pink  
Paul Hariot, sunset  
Aurora, sunset  
Chrysantha, sunset  
Indiana, sunset  
Joanne Pring, pink

#### TROPICAL LILIES

Zanzabar Blue  
Blue Pygmae  
Francis B. Griffith  
Royal Purple

#### YELLOW TUB GARDEN COLLECTION #1

2 Pyg. Helvola Lilies—yellow, 2 bu. fish grasses, 1 pair trap door snails. Value, \$3.85—**for \$3.00.**

#### RED & BLUE TUB GARDEN COLLECTION #2

Gloriosa Lily—red, Blue Iris, 2 bu. fish grasses, 1 pr. trap door snails. Value, \$4.30—**for \$3.75.**

#### WHITE & BLUE TUB GARDEN COLLECTION #3

Hermine Lily—white, Azure Pickerel—blue, 2 bu. fish grasses, 4 snails. Value, \$4.25—**for \$3.50.**

#### COLORFUL FOURSOME TUB GARDEN COLLECTION #4

Paul Hariot Lily—sunset, 1 Azure Hyacinth—blue, 2 Water Poppies—yellow, 1 Water Snowflake—white. Value, \$3.80—**for \$3.00.**

#### PINK & YELLOW & BLUE TUB COLLECTION #5

Mary Patricia Lily—pink, 2 Water Poppy—yellow, 1 Iris Versicolor—blue, 1 bu. fish grass, 4 snails. Value, \$4.60—**for \$3.75.**

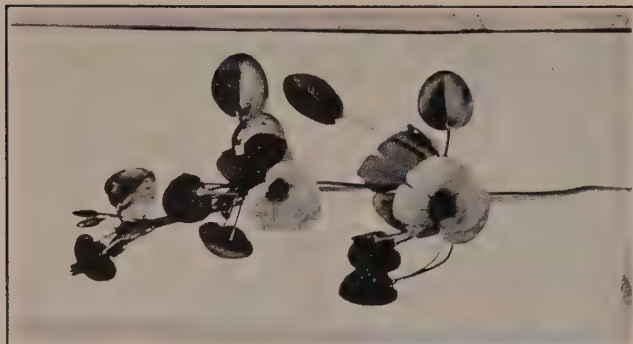
#### BEAUTIFUL TRIO BATH TUB COLLECTION #6

Hermine Lily—white, Aurora Lily—sunset, Mary Patricia—pink, 1 pound Spec. Water Lily Fertilizer, 4 snails. Complete plant life necessary for your tub. Only add fish. Value, \$8.75—**for \$7.50.**



# Complete Your Pool With These Plants

(Check page 17 for planting code to help you select your Lilies)



*Water Poppy*

THESE DO BEST PLANTED IN WATER FROM 5 TO 6 INCHES DEEP AND IN BOXES OF 6" OF SOIL OR MORE. Plant in box and raise to 5" to 8" of the surface of water. This is easily accomplished by nailing legs of proper length to box or setting box on stones.

**Water Poppy (N)** (*Linnocharis humboldti*.) An old favorite with blossoms like a California poppy. Each plant throws out runners bearing blossoms all summer. **25¢; 5 for \$1.00.**

**Water Snowflake (N)** (*Nymphoides indicum*.) A dainty little plant is the Water Snowflake. The flowers are about an inch across and have 5 petals, each resembling a flake of snow. They will do well in 6 inches of water, either in pool or dishpan. **50¢; 3 for \$1.25.**

**Floating Heart (N)** (*Nymphoides peltatum*.) Has bright yellow fringed flowers of medium size, with leaves like a Pigmy lily. Has to be planted in soil. **35¢; 3 for \$1.00.**

## WATER IRIS

**Red Water Iris (H)** Beautiful red rust colored Iris, growing about 2 ft. tall. It is hardy. A lovely new addition to the pool. **75¢; 3 for \$2.00.**

**Iris Purpurea (H)** A water Iris with such a deep blue as to be almost purple, 12 inches to 15 inches tall. **65¢; 3 for \$1.50.**

**Iris Versicolor (H)** Tall narrow stems with very beautiful blue flowers, long blooming. **50¢; 3 for \$1.25.**

**Yellow Iris (H)** (*Pseudacorus*.) One of the necessary plants for your pool, the foliage making an artistic touch either in the center or in the corner. Has tall spikes of yellow blossoms. Will grow equally as well in very moist ground. **50¢; 3 for \$1.25.**

**All Four Varieties for \$2.00**

**HEXAGONA IRIS (H)** Beautiful deep cobalt blue. 24" to 30" tall. **75¢.**

**CASIQUE IRIS (H)** A different raisin colored iris. 24" to 30" tall. Very pretty. **75¢.**

**WHITE AND YELLOW IRIS (H)** This is an extra lovely Iris with many blooms on one stock. It is a white Iris with a lot of yellow coloring in bloom. A choice Iris. **75¢.**

**Azure Hyacinth (D)** (*Eichhornia azurea*.) A trailing variety. Flowers a rich blue, with a yellow eye. Free flowering. **65¢; 2 for \$1.00.**



*Hawthorne*  
Blooms all winter in Southern California and the Southern States

**Water Hawthorne (H)** (*Aponogeton distachyus*.) Snowy white flowers with the fragrance of the English Hawthorne. The flower is antler shaped and each antler flecked with black. The leaves are oblong and float on the water. We suggest in such climates as Southern California, you plant one Water Hawthorne in each hardy lily box or tub, so your pool will be beautiful all winter long. **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.50.**

## JAPANESE IRIS (*Iris Kaempferi*)

**COMPLETE YOUR POOL WITH THESE**

These Iris will do well in a pool, providing they are planted so only the roots are in the water. These may be planted in moist soil outside your pool, also.

Don't miss this special low-priced offer to have these most beautiful of all Irises in your garden. These glorious flowers get up to dinner-plate size. Loveliest shades of blue red, orchid, purple, white and color combinations.

**STRONG WELL ROOTED. 75¢ each, 6 for \$4.00.**



*Azure Hyacinth*



# Complete Your Pool With These Plants

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Under this heading we list such plants as grow in water, but send up leaves and blossoms above the surface one foot or more. These add to the beauty of the pool, being used as centerpieces or for corners. Many of them have beautiful blossoms, all have attractive foliage. THESE DO BEST PLANTED IN WATER FROM 1 TO 2 INCHES DEEP AND IN BOXES OF 6" OF SOIL OR MORE. Plant in box and raise to within a few inches of the surface of water. This is easily accomplished by nailing legs of proper length to box.



Cattail

**Pygmae Cattail (H)** Cattails used in dried flower arrangements.  $\frac{3}{8}$ " wide and 4" long. Only gets 18" tall. A favorite, 50¢; 3 for \$1.25.

**Cattail (H)** (Typha Latifolia.) A handsome water plant with rich brown "cattails." 50¢; 3 for \$1.25.

**Graceful Cattail (H)** (Typha Angustifolia.) The seed pods form a miniature cat tail  $\frac{3}{8}$ " diameter and 3 or 4 inches long. Usually does not produce cattail until second year. Choice for flower arrangements. 50¢; 3 for \$1.25.



Umbrella Palm

**Water Plantain (H)** (Alisma plantago.) Almond shaped leaves of bright green, borne about 3 feet above the surface of the water. Beautiful clusters of flowers resembling Baby's Breath. 50¢; 3 for \$1.25.

**Umbrella Palm (H)** (Cyperus alternifolius.) A beautiful plant, growing about 2 feet tall, has slender stems with tuft of leaves spreading out, umbrella shaped. Does well either in shallow water or moist ground. 50¢; 3 for \$1.25.

**Giant Umbrella Palm (H)** Similar to above except it grows six feet tall. 50¢; 3 for \$1.25.

**Double Arrowhead (H)** (Sagittaria flora plena.) Leaves arrow shaped. Plant bears large spikes of pure white double flowers, about 2 feet tall. 50¢; 3 for \$1.25.

**Japanese Arrowhead (H)** Similar in growth to the above, but with single flowers. 50¢; 3 for \$1.25.

**Papyrus (H)** (Egyptian paper plant.) The stalks are triangular and attain a height of from 5 to 8 feet, having a tuft of thread-like leaves a foot in diameter. Does equally well in two inches of water or in very wet soil. 75¢; 3 for \$2.00.

**Miniature Papyrus (H)** Small bright green tufts. 1 to 2 feet tall. Choice for flower arrangements. 65¢; 3 for \$1.50.

**Sagittaria (H)** (Latifolia.) The leaves are broad with long basal lobes. The flowers are pure white, about an inch in diameter. 65¢; 3 for \$1.50.

**Equisetum (H)** (Horse tail rush.) The most attractive of the rushes. Shows distinct joints, is strong growing, not breaking so easily as other rushes. 75¢; 3 for \$2.00.

**Water Arum** A tall hardy aquatic with leaves shaped like a Calla lily. 75¢; 3 for \$2.00.

**Water Canna (H)** (Thalia dealbata.) A tall graceful plant with leaves similar to a canna, leaves maroon at the base. Flowers on tall, arching stems, purple, with silver dust. \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50.

**Chinese Chestnut (H)** Grows freely in shallow water. Has dull green quill-like leaves, growing two feet tall. 50¢; 3 for \$1.25.

**Primrose Willow (H)** (Jussiaea longifolia.) A beautiful, tall plant with flowers like a primrose and leaves like a willow. 50¢; 3 for \$1.25.



Azure Pickerel Plant

**Azure Pickerel Plant (H)** (Pontederia paniculata.) This attractive plant grows from 1 to 2 feet tall and each heart-shaped leaf has a spike of Delphinium blue flowers coming from the base. The buds are covered with a silvery sheen. 50¢; 3 for \$1.25.

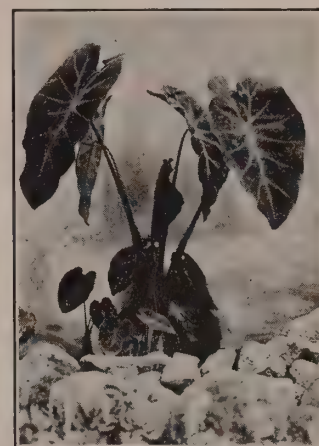


Miniature Papyrus

**Peppermint.** Small blue flower. Luscious mint aroma from leaves. 50¢.

**Imperial Taro (H)** The finest of the Taros. The range in color from beautiful deep velvety green to black. A good house plant. \$1.25.

**Violet Stemmed Taro** (Colocasia violacea.) Leaves beautiful blue-green. The stems, mid-ribs and veins underneath leaves are a lovely lavender. \$1.00; 3 for \$2.50.



Violet Stemmed Taro



Papyrus



Equisetum



Primrose Willow



## PLANTS FOR YOUR FISH

### Oxygenating Grasses

(Check page 17 for planting code)

These very useful plants help to keep the pool in natural balance, supplying oxygen to the water. A few bunches among the lilies are indispensable for the health of the fish.

Plant only in good soil, several plants to each pot. They keep water clear. Protect baby fish. Provide spawning places. Produce oxygen. Help balance your pool.

**Anacharis (J)** Giant. The most used for oxygen. Graceful long stems with whorls of deep green leaves. Very good for pool and necessary for health of fish. **Bunch of 5, 25¢.**

**Myriophyllum (J)** A pretty aquatic with fine, hair-like leaves. Makes a good spawning bed for fish. May be anchored on bottom of pool. **Bunch of 5, 25¢.**

**Ludwigia (J or D)** This is one of the important fish plants because of its decorative value. When kept in strong light the under side of leaves become a bright red. **Bunch of 5, 25¢.**

**Vallisneria (J)** (Eel grass.) Long ribbon-like leaves. Pretty in an aquarium. **Bunch of 5 for 35¢.**

**Cabomba (J)** A useful plant for the pool, growing entirely submerged. Very ornamental. **Bunch of 5, 35¢.**

**Sagittaria (J)** (Sinensis.) Grows freely and a splendid plant for the aquarium. **3 for 50¢.**

**Parrot Feather (D)** The long trailing stems produce a beautiful light green foliage, good for the ends of pools. A favorite aquatic plant, for aquarium and fountain basins. Can be used in water-tight hanging baskets. **5 for 50¢.**

#### OXYGENATING GRASS (Fish Grass) COLLECTION #5 Suitable for Pool 4 x 8

25 Oxygenating Plants, 5 varieties.....\$1.00

**Primrose Creeper (D)** (Jussiaea repens.) A trailing plant with bright glossy leaves and blossoms like a primrose. **25¢; 3 for 50¢.**

**Azollo (O)** A small, floating mosslike plant. Can become a pest. **Portion, 50¢.**



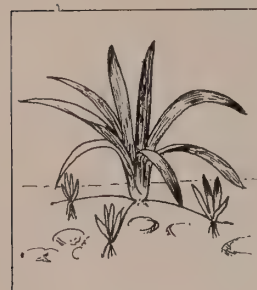
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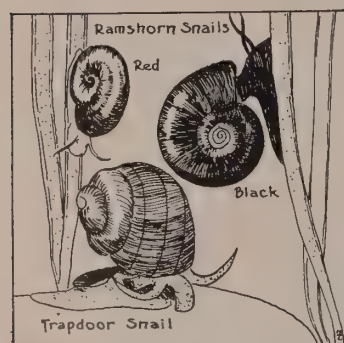
Anacharis



Ludwigia



Sagittaria



Scavengers



Water Hyacinth

## FLOATING PLANTS FOR THE POOL

**Water Hyacinth (O)** (Eichhornia crassipia major.) Flowers a delicate orchid, in trusses like a Hyacinth. Does best in partial shade. Splendid spawning bed for fish. Floats. **NOT FOR SHIPMENT IN INTERSTATE COMMERCE. 35¢; 3 for \$1.00.**



### WATER LETTUCE

The PERFECT spawning plant for your fish for out-of-state customers.

**Water Lettuce (O)** (Shell flower.) (Pistia stratiotes.) This is similar to Water Hyacinth. Is a rosette of soft blue-green leaves. **50¢; 3 for \$1.25.**

## SCAVENGERS FOR THE POOL

(Water snails will not live out of the water)

Water snails are necessary for the pool, as they feed on the decayed vegetation, and clean up the green algae that forms on the walls. We understand that snails are both sexes in one. Snails shipped by parcel post in grasses.

**Japanese trap-door snails.** The largest and hardiest of all snails. These are live bearing. Very prolific. **2 for 35¢; \$1.50 per dozen.**

**Rams-horn snails.** A very long-lived water snail and especially good in clearing up the green scum in pools. **6 for 50¢; \$1.00 per dozen.**

**Red Rams-horn snails.** These snails are a coral red and very showy in an aquarium. **2 for 35¢; \$1.50 per dozen.**

#### SCAVENGER COLLECTION #7

Suitable for pool 3 x 5. 12 assorted water snails.....\$1.00

#### SCAVENGER COLLECTION #8

Suitable for pool 5 x 8. 36 assorted water snails.....\$2.50



## HOW WE SHIP—SEE OUR GIFTS

### All Orders Over \$2 - Postpaid

**TERMS:** We ship parcel post. Out of United States orders must go Airmail (except Canada). On Airmail shipments see **SPECIAL NOTE. WE PAY POSTAGE ON ALL ORDERS OVER \$2.00.** Orders under \$2.00 add 50¢ for postage and handling. Parcel post is much faster and cheaper insuring you fresher plants. Enclose check or money order with each order. Make payable to VAN NESS WATER GARDENS. NO C.O.D.'s. CALIFORNIA CUSTOMERS PLEASE ADD 4% SALES TAX.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Many customers request AIRMAIL shipments. If you desire especially nice plants upon arrival with positively NO SETBACK, add 50¢ for EACH hardy and for EACH tropical lily ordered and state AIRMAIL on your order. Will go by regular parcel post if 50¢ for EACH lily is not sent. Tropical lilies shipped 1,000 miles or more arrive in PERFECT CONDITION by AIRMAIL. Airmail shipments of order of supplies add 50¢ for EACH pound. On other plants add 50¢ for each \$3.00 worth of plants. (If under \$3.00 still add 50¢.)

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**ORDER EARLY:** To insure our customers the finest service possible, we plan one to two years in advance at all times. If your order is in before May 1st of each year, it helps us to operate under a planned schedule.

## CODE

We have prepared this code for your convenience in SELECTION, PLANTING, and CARE of practically all items listed in our catalog.

- L**—Large
- M**—Medium
- S**—Small
- EB**—Excellent Bloomer
- GB**—Good Bloomer
- FB**—Fair Bloomer
- A**—Plant in 8" to 12" soil and 8" to 12" water
- B**—Plant in 6" to 9" soil and 6" to 9" water
- C**—Plant in 4" to 6" soil and 4" to 6" water
- D**—Plant in 2" to 4" soil and 2" to 4" water
- H**—Plant in 6" soil and 1" to 2" water
- N**—Plant in 6" soil and 5" to 6" water
- I**—Plant in 6" soil and 6" water
- J**—Plant in pots on bottom of pool, completely under water
- K**—Plant in wet soil outside of pool or have soil surface of box level with the water surface of pool. These plants do well in pool or out of pool but must have lots of moisture.
- O**—Floating plants, no planting needed
- T**—Tender, will burn in hot desert areas

**GUARANTEE:** We guarantee our plants to be true to name, of the finest quality and to reach you in good condition, and we promise to replace any plant that fails to grow. The only requirements that you notify us within 30 days of delivery and customers must send 50¢ to cover shipping charges only for each plant. LILIES ARE FRESH-DUG from OUR OWN POOLS.

**PRICES:** Because of our ideal Southern California climate, we can offer our customers the FINEST LILIES it is possible to raise at the LOWEST PRICES in the entire United States. One order, large or small, will convince you that you can really get the FINEST LILIES and BEST SERVICE at ROCK BOTTOM PRICES.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS:** Why not add to your savings by ordering from our special collections throughout our catalog.

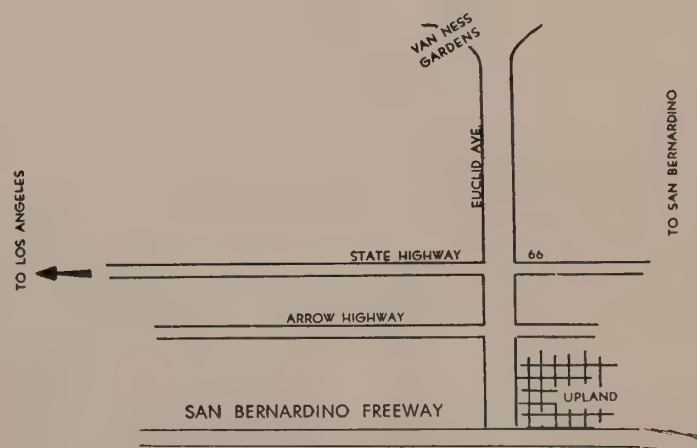
## WE DO NOT SUBSTITUTE

### Hardy Lilies Shipped Any Time After March 1

We do not ship Tropicals until the weather has become permanently warm, as early shipments are almost sure to go dormant. A safe date is after June first, except in the Southern states where they may be shipped at an earlier date, from May 15. Should we be instructed to ship at an earlier date, we do so at customer's risk. Lotus shipments, May first to June fifteenth only.

## HOW TO GET TO OUR GARDENS

Coming on San Bernardino Freeway turn north on beautiful Euclid Ave. (double drive). Take west drive at 24th St. (note curve). Follow drive past Community Church. First stop. Visitors welcome.





**ARGUCIDE.** A tested and approved cure for fungus, anchor worms, lice and tail rot. 1 oz. liquid treats 140 gal. **\$1.00.** 2 1/4 oz. powder treats 1,600 gal. **\$2.00.**

**STA-CLEAR.** Prevents green water and algae. Helps retard disease and parasites. **USE EVERY TIME YOU ADD FISH OR CLEAN YOUR POOL.** Directions on bottle. 4 oz. **\$1.25.**

**THERMOMETERS.** To be safe use a floating thermometer for accurate temperature check when adding fish. **75¢ each.**

**NYLON FISH NETS.** The finest long lasting fish net you can buy. 8", **\$1.25;** 10", **\$1.75.**

### FISH FOOD

We could offer you a plain fish meal at half the price, but your fish need a complete diet with meat and flies the same as your pet cat or dog. Many people wonder why so many of their young fish fail to change color. Most of this is due to a lack of meat (shrimp) in their diet.

1. Complete fish food with shrimp and flies. This is a properly balanced fish food, which has all the ingredients necessary for keeping your fish in good health. Your fish will love it.

**1 lb. \$1.00**

2. SHRIMP MEAL. A new concentrated shrimp meat diet. If you want your fish to grow faster and have a deeper golden color try this fine food.

**\$1.50 lb.**

3. PURE SHREDDED SHRIMP. 100% shrimp meat. The ultimate in fish food.

**\$2.75 lb.**

### APHIS REMEDY

Can be safely used to kill aphids on water lily pads and will not poison your fish. With instructions. Use 2% solution.

**1 pint, \$1.00**

### AMPRUF RUBBER BASE PAINT

We can not recommend this wonderful paint too highly. For 4 years we have sold this special patented paint without one complaint. In fact, our customers found it so satisfactory they have used it as a last resort on their swimming pools and showers with amazing results. If you have trouble with the paint on your swimming pool or shower I thoroughly believe AMPRUF will solve your problem. These beautiful shades not only add beauty but also make a perfect sealer for your cement. Colors: Green, Blue, Black or White. Depending on cement 1 qt. should do approximately 200 sq. ft.

**\$2.75 per quart; \$10.00 a gallon—POSTPAID**

**Ampruf Thinner—Must Be Used With Paint—75¢ Pt.**



### LITTLE GIANT

**HERMETICALLY  
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CIRCULATING  
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Perfect to pump water out of pool when you want to clean it.

#### Gallons Per Hour

	1 ft. high	4 ft. high	8 ft. high	
# 2	180 gal.	115 gal.	28 gal.	<b>\$25.00</b>
# 3	350 gal.	286 gal.	200 gal.	<b>\$35.00</b>
# 4	475 gal.	388 gal.	272 gal.	<b>\$45.00</b>

### FERTILIZER

**2 1/2 lbs. \$1.35**

**5 lbs. \$2.25**

### VAN NESS SPECIAL WATER CLARIFIER — REMOVES ALGAE

This treatment will clear your pool of algae. It will not harm fish or plants. Ages water and keeps algae from forming until the plants balance the pool for you. Should be used when pool is first planted and every time it is cleaned. Directions on product. Enough for an 8 x 10 pool.

**5 pounds for \$1.75**

**SEA SALT.** For conditioning pools. Use when fish begin to get sluggish or have white streamers hanging from them. Instructions included. **1 lb., 25¢.**

**CRYSTAL CLEAR.** It makes your water crystal clear. **WILL CLEAR YOUR POOL OF ALGAE.** Very cheap. Will last a long time. Will not harm fish or plants if used according to directions. A brand new product that really works. **DO NOT over use. 6 oz., \$2.00.**

### FISH

We have a good assortment of Goldfish, Comets, Japanese Fantails, Calicos, Chinese Moore and Shubukins which may be purchased at our gardens. However, we do not ship fish, due to the extremely high express rates on this type of shipment.



### A NEW MULTI-PURPOSE PLANTER

**20" dia., 12" deep**

**No unsightly handles**

**EXTRA HEAVY GALVANIZED TUB** so beautifully engineered it can be used as an above the ground tub garden in any patio or yard. This heavy metal tub is undoubtedly the best container for planting **HARDY** and **TROPICAL LILIES** there is. If you are interested in raising specimen water lilies this is the best possible container you can buy. It is ideal for planting your **LOTUS** tuber. Perfect for **TUB GARDENS**. No handles to mar the beauty of a miniature pool. **\$5.00. POSTPAID.**

### Planting Box #2

A very good light weight box made of #1 pine lumber. 9 1/2" x 11" x 15 1/2". Very good for medium and small hardy Lilies and for all **TROPICAL LILIES**. Excellent also for bog plants and shallow water plants. **\$1.75 or 6 for \$9.00.**

### VAN NESS WATER LILY FERTILIZER

A scientifically balanced fertilizer especially designed for water lily culture. This fertilizer is highly concentrated and will give your plants 1. rapid growth and 2. deeper color effects in the blooms. Mix 1 lb. for each lily box 12" square.

**TADPOLES AND FROGS** MAY go by **PARCEL POST** but over 500 miles should go **AIRMAIL.**

### BEAUTIFUL MULTI-COLORED SMALL CROAKING FROGS

Multi-colored Frogs. Ornamental, likeable, and the best insect trap ever known. When we see lily pads we expect to see a frog nearby. Any size.

**\$1.00 per pair; \$5.00 a dozen POSTPAID**

**\$1.50 pr. AIRMAIL; \$6.00 doz. AIRMAIL**

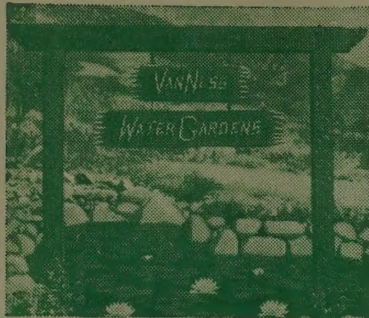
### TADPOLES

Will transform into frogs during summer. Everybody loves to watch them. Live on decaying lily leaves and fish excrement. Help keep pool clear. **6 for \$1 POSTPD.; 6 for \$1.50 AIRMAIL.**

**Bull Frog Tadpoles, 3 for \$1.00 POSTPAID; 3 for \$1.50 AIRMAIL.**

**Mature bullfrogs, \$7.50 pr. POSTPAID; \$8.50 pr. AIRMAIL.**





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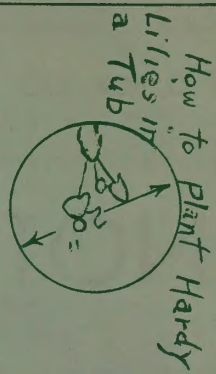
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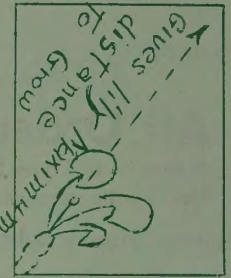
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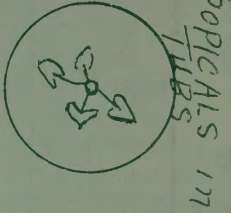
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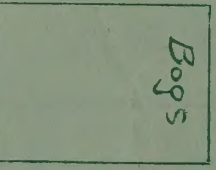
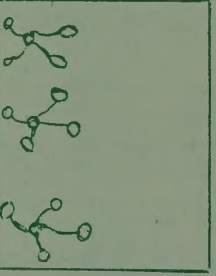
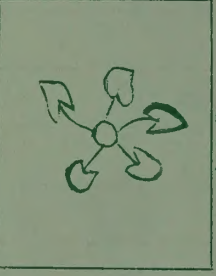
Proper Method to Plant all Hardy Lilies



A Planting Chart will be in each order you receive



TROPICALS in Box



- Helpful Hints
1. Make Pool all same depth
  2. Balance well with Plants
  3. Allow for 1 large lily for each sq. yard of surface
  4. Make Planting Boxes 18"x18"x12 deep or 24"x24"x12"

WATER LETTUCE

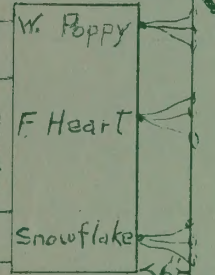
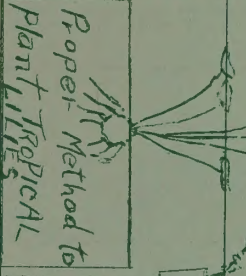
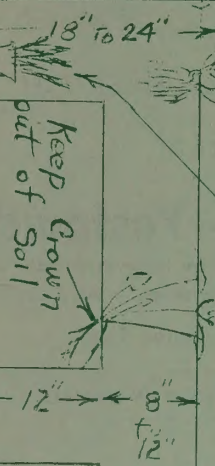
Hyacinth Floating

Deep Oxygen Grasses  
Anacharis  
Myriophyllum  
Sagittaria  
Utricularia  
Cabomba

Side

View of Pool

Parrot's Feather  
Ludwigia

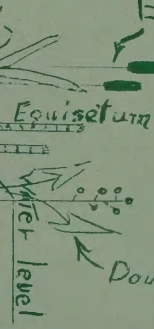


To Prevent Cracks-line Pool with Stucco Wire

To Raise Box to desired Depth

Mix 3-SAND 1-CEMENT

Cement Pool Use PLASTIC CEMENT





## Beautiful (Easy to Grow) House Plants



### HAWAIIAN TI LOGS & PLANTS Direct from HAWAII

If you enjoy house plants you will be thrilled at the exotic charm and beauty of adding a bit of HAWAII to your collection. All hula dancers skirts are made from the TI leaves.

**TI LOGS** — Lay this log horizontally. Bury two-thirds in rich soil and **KEEP MOIST**. Watch it sprout several exotic TI plants. **\$1.00** each.

**TI PLANT** with red leaves **\$1.50** each.

**TI PLANT** with green leaves **\$1.25** each.



A. Monstera Deliosa. Similar to a split-leave philodendron except leaf is solid, easel-shaped and deep green. Lovely. **75¢**.

B. Green Ti Plant **\$1.50**.

C. Red Ti Plant **\$1.25** each.

D. Elegant Palm. A very lovely house palm **75¢**.

E. Philodendron Selloum. Makes huge split-leaves with tropical look. Excellent for planters and tropical effects.

F. Agave Attenuata. Looks like the top of a pineapple. It is a lovely deep green color. Will make an enormous sized house plant. Very choice. **75¢**.

All six for **\$5.00**. Coll. #H50.

## POOLSIDE PLANTS

**ZEPHYR OR FAIRY LILY** Beautiful pure white lily-like flowers, 2" across. Grows freely if planted in masses of 12 or more. **6 for \$1.00**.

**PHORMIUM** (New Zealand Flax.) Fine, long striped foliage. Leaves 2" wide, often 3' long. Very striking near a pool. Bronze, green or red, variegated (green and yellow). Also dwarf variegated **STATE CHOICE**. **\$1** each.

**ORCHID CACTUS** (Ephiphyllum.) Lovely in patios and shaded corners and hanging baskets. Like shade. Soil and leaf mold and peat. E. Oxypetalum (white), E. Hernosissium (crimson), E. Dante (orange red), E. Latona (cerise pink), E. Conway Giant (purple-crimson), E. Ackermanni (red), E. Rosy Morn (shell-pink), E. Padre (rose-pink), E. Wareii (cream). **75¢; 8 for \$5.00**.

### DAY LILY COLLECTION #65 CLOSE OUT SALE

These Day Lilies are excellent plants for the side of your pool. They bloom almost constantly all summer. Light yellow thru burnt orange and a pink blend thru a deep red. Worth 50¢ each to \$1.50. Ten different varieties. **REDUCED TO \$3.00**.

**CAREX** (Morrowi.) Leaves flat, striped and grass like. Six inches tall. An excellent low plant. Pretty blue flower. **75¢**.

**MORAEA IRIDOIDES**. Belongs to the Iris family, but different, and blooms from early spring until late fall. Large white flowers with crests marked in blue. Very rare. **\$1.00**.

**BAMBOO IRIS**. Fits in perfect in landscape around pool. Has small white sprays of blossoms in the spring and summer. Very different and attractive. Rare. **\$1.00**.

### CACTI COLLECTION #67

Choicest of blooming cacti. Selected by one of the leading Cacti growers as his six best for the beauty of both plant and bloom. **6 different varieties for \$2.00**.

### SUCCULENT COLLECTION #68

Our personal selection of six of our favorites for around rocks and for colorful plantings. All have beautiful foliage, many with lovely blooms. **6 different varieties for \$2.00**.

**GERBERAS** (Transval Daisies) **Collection #69**. If you want lots of beautiful color, flowers that have a long blooming season, and are wonderful for cut flowers lasting many days, then you will want this extra beautiful collection. Flowers from 3" to 6" and perfectly shaped. Each plant a different color from pure white to black red with yellows, pinks, oranges, and multicolors. **6 for \$3.00; 12 for \$5.50**.

**ELEPHANT EAR** (Esculentum.) Exotic plant with huge leaves. Excellent for providing a TROPICAL look in any shaded or partially shaded area. **JUMBO \$1.50** size plants for only **\$1.00; 3 for \$2.50**.

**FOUNTAIN GRASS** (Pennisetum ruppeli.) Narrow, graceful blades. Grows in clump to height of two feet. Feathery plumes, shaded with red. One of the finest poolside plants. **50¢**.

**TORCH LILY** (Tritoma.) Tall spikes of brilliant red flowers. One of the showiest of this group. **75¢**.

**MULLEN PINK** (Lychnis cornaria.) A perennial which is most satisfactory, needing only good drainage and little water. A glow of cerise-pink blossoms in the spring. Foliage grey-green. **50¢**.



Fountain Grass, Succulents and Cacti





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## TROPICAL LILY COLLECTIONS

Shipped After May 15th

### CHOICE COLLECTION #15

Pennsylvania      Missouri  
Hitchcock      Independence

Value, \$13.00—**for \$11.50**

### DAY AND NIGHT COLLECTION #16

Panama Pacific      Mrs. Pring  
Whitaker      Haarstick

Value, \$12.50—**for \$11.00**

### ORCHID AND BLUE COLLECTION #31

Pennsylvania      General Pershing

Value, \$6.50—**for \$6.00**

### BLUE AND GOLD COLLECTION #42

August Koch      Golden West

Value, \$6.00—**for \$5.00**

### ROSE & PURPLE STAR COLLECTION #41

Value, \$5.50—**for \$5.00**



*H. C. Haarstick, Night Blooming Tropic*

**FERTILIZER**  
2 1/2 lbs. \$1.35  
5 lbs. \$2.25

## NEW HARDY WATER LILY

**ROSANNA SUPREME** by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG  
(L EB A)

A large double rose-pink tulip shaped lily with a big yellow center and outer pink petals having white tips. Flowers 8" to 10" across. Heavy grower and excellent bloomer. Good for lakes. **\$5.**

**GOLDEN FASCINATOR** 1946 by MR. MARTIN E. RANDIG  
(L EB A)

Flowers are a striking gold tipped talisman. Leaves are deep green with rose undercoloring. Good bloomer. Fragrant. **\$5.**